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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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MINUTES May 16, 2012

COMMISSIONERS	ORGANIZATION	EMS AGENCY STAFF	POSITION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Austin	LAC Ambulance Assn	Cathy Chidester	Director, EMS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erick H. Cheung, M.D.	So. CA Psychiatric Society	Bill Koenig, M.D.	Medical Director, EMS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald B. Clute	HASC	Marilyn Rideaux	Commission Liaison
<input type="checkbox"/> Clayton Kazan, MD (Exc)	CAL/ACEP	Kay Fruhwirth	Assistant Director, EMS
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andres Ramirez	Peace Officers Assn. of LAC	Susan Mori	" "
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carole Snyder	Emergency Nurses Assn.		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Areti Tillou, MD	L.A. Surgical Society		
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GUESTS			
Frank Binch		Randy Peterson	Torrance Fire Dept.
Chief Robert Barnes	LAC Police Chiefs' Assn.	Greg Reynar	LA FD
Brian Ranger	Bowers Ambulance	Patrick Powers	Lynch Ambulance
Matt Armstrong	MedCoast-LACAA	Victoria Hernandez	LACoFD
Samantha Verga-Gates	Long Beach Mem. Med Cntr	Jamie Garcia	HASC

(Ab) = Absent; (Exc) = Excused Absence

CALL TO ORDER:

The Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) meeting was held in the EMS Commission Hearing Room, 10100 Pioneer Blvd, Santa Fe Springs, 90670. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Chairman, David Austin. A quorum was declared.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONSENT CALENDAR:

M/S/C: Commissioner Mosack/Snyder to approve all items on the Consent Calendar.

5. BUSINESS (Old Business)

5.1 Status of Policy Initiatives

- Improving Transportation Mechanism of 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement

Commissioner Ramirez reported that the Task Force continues to meet. They are still working out the details regarding a pilot project and the management of the project. A final report to Supervisor Knabe is still pending. Cathy Chidester, Director, EMS Agency, provided background information and an overview of the Initiative for the benefit of the new Commissioners.

At the request of EMSC, a status update on the study group was received from the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee and distributed.

- ***Physician Services for Indigent Patients (PSIP) Auditor-Controller Report***
The required Department of Health Services report on the PSIP Program was submitted to the Board of Supervisors in March. The report will be provided to the EMSC Commissioners. Ms. Chidester gave an overview of the PSIP program. She reported that DHS has conducted an audit on the program and recommended to the Board of Supervisors to urge the State to restore funding. The Board of Supervisors forwarded letters to State Assembly Member, Bob Blumenfield and State Senator Ron Calderon urging that the State restores funding for this program.

5.3 Pediatric Advisory Committee

Richard Tadeo, Assistant Director, EMS Agency reported that the Pediatric Advisory Committee met in March. The Committee is scheduled to meet again in June and will be formulating a task force to review the Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics Standards, as well as, the Pediatric Medical Center Guidelines. The committee bylaws have been approved.

5.4 Flu Season

Kay Fruhwirth, Assistant Director, EMS, distributed two handouts for information, the CDC FluView which is a geographic map of the country that shows national influenza activity and Public Health *Influenza Watch* newsletter, which discusses influenza activity in Los Angeles County. Ms. Fruhwirth reported that LA County Public Health indicated on April 20, 2012 that this was the final regular issue of *Influenza Watch*, as the prevalence of flu was declining.

(New Business)

5.5 EMS Agency Data

Cathy Chidester, Director provided a brief overview of how/where the EMS Agency obtains data and why data is so important to managing the EMS system. In addition, the EMSC Data Advisory Committee developed a presentation for the EMSC, EMS Agency, and the EMSC Education Advisory Committee, which included conclusions from its review of data over a two year period and made recommendations related to improving data reporting.

Richard Tadeo, Assistant Director shared the findings of the Data Advisory Committee's study via a powerpoint presentation.

Chairman Austin acknowledged Mr. Binch, past chair of the Data Advisory Committee, for his work with the Data Advisory Committee and the EMS Agency in bringing these issues forward.

M/S/C: Commissioners Snyder/Mosack to accept the recommendations of the Data Advisory Committee as presented regarding data quality improvement.

6. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUESTS

None

7. LEGISLATION

Cathy Chidester, Director commented on the following bills being watched by EMS:

- AB 1275 (Torres) California Public Records Act: exemption: emergency 911 telephone calls,
- AB 1387 (Solorio) Emergency medical services,
- AB 1944 (Gatto) Emergency medical services: EMT-P discipline,
- AB 2394 (Nielsen) Emergency medical services; Commission on Emergency Medical Services, and
- SB 1378 (Hancock) Emergency medical services: personnel.

8. EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Richard Tadeo gave a verbal report on the QI Summary Report -2011. A handout was distributed.
- Cathy Chidester commented on an L.A. Times article dated May 14, 2012 regarding LA County's 9-1-1 system being burdened by non-emergency calls.
- LA County will be sponsoring *Sidewalk CPR* on June 7. Fire departments, ambulance companies and hospitals have been asked to participate and we have approximately 50 sites within the County where hands-only CPR will be taught. Neighboring counties will also participate.
- Cathy Chidester reported that the EMS Agency hired P. Michael Freeman, retired LA County Fire Department Chief, on a part-time basis. Mr. Freeman will observe EMS operation and conduct site visits with other agencies to determine best practices and make recommendations to the Agency.
- Dr. Koenig reported that the new trauma triage criteria were effective on May 1, 2012 and is being implemented by the hospitals and field providers.
- Cathy Chidester announced that the annual EMSAAC conference will be held in Long Beach, aboard the Queen Mary on June 5-6.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:33 PM to the meeting of July 18, 2012.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2012
EMS Commission Hearing Room (1st Floor)
EMS Agency
10100 Pioneer Blvd.
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Recorded by:
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